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NATURE PROGRAMS AT SOLVANG LIBRARY

Green@YourLibrary Events Begin March 31 with Outdoor Adventure

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In March and April, the Santa Barbara Public Library System is partnering with several community organizations to present "Green@YourLibrary," a series of programs aimed at learning more about the natural world around us. Solvang Library's programs begin Saturday March 31 at 3 pm, with "NatureTrack: Outdoor Adventure," a guided nature walk for families. NatureTrack's expert docents will help walkers discover surprises all around along the way.

NatureTrack is a new non-profit whose mission is to provide outdoor field trips for all Central Coast school-aged children at no cost to the schools or students. Founded by local resident and former Sedgwick Reserve education program coordinator Sue Eisaguirre in 2011, NatureTrack seeks to instill students with leadership skills, attitudes, and habits for lifelong learning, inspiring them to be respectful stewards of the natural world. In their first year, NatureTrack anticipates giving more than 600 Central Coast students a chance to experience the outdoors through organized field trips. "Exploring nature with a knowledgeable guide is a great catalyst for learning--and the library has lots of resources to explore afterward," said Carey McKinnon, Solvang library supervisor.

The walk is free, but participants should call the library at 805 688-4214 to reserve a space. This event is best for families with children at least five years old.

Other upcoming programs at Solvang Library in April include a lecture by renowned science writer James Lawrence Powell exploring the issue of global warming, an Urban Tree Walk through Solvang with the Santa Ynez Valley Natural History Society, a showing of the documentary film "Bag-It," and more programs to be announced. To learn more about all "Green@YourLibrary" programs offered by the Santa Barbara Public Library System see <http://www.sbplibrary.org>.

The Solvang Branch Library is located at 1745 Mission Drive in Solvang. All programs are free and open to the public.

NatureTrack web site: <http://naturetrack.org/>

Santa Barbara Public Library System web site: <http://www.sbplibrary.org>

Santa Ynez Valley Natural History Society web site: <http://www.syvnature.org/>

James Lawrence Powell web site: <http://www.jamespowell.org/>

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